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[11](#). (SBU) Delta flight 54 landed at Lagos' Murtala Muhammed International Airport on July 2 at 3:05 pm local time with a Boeing 777-200 aircraft. On April 8, 2009 the Government of Nigeria agreed to approve Delta's new route from New York John F. Kennedy Airport to Abuja Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport beginning June 8, 2009 with the condition that Delta upgrade its Atlanta-Lagos route to a Boeing 777-200 aircraft by July 1, 2009(reftel A). Note: The plane departed Atlanta at 11:00 pm on July 1 and arrived in Lagos July 2. End Note.

[14](#). (U) This cable was coordinated with Consulate Lagos.

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